[Mr. Speaker] [5th July 1952

"As the number of candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., fourteen, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Committee of Public Accounts."

(4) ELECTION TO THE SENATE OF THE ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY.

MR. SPEAKER:—" I have to announce to the House that the following candidates were nominated for the election of three members to the Senate of the Annamalai University:—

(1) Sri D. Dasarathan,
(2) ,, V. Krishnaswamy Padayachi,
(3) Janab K. M. Seethi,
(4) Sri S. P. Thangavelu.

" Sri D. Dasarathan has since withdrawn his candidature.

" As the number of remaining candidates validly nominated is equal to the number of vacancies to be filled, viz., three, I hereby declare them to have been duly elected to the Senate of the Annamalai University."

IV.—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1952-53—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER:—" The hon. Member Sri S. T. Adityan who was speaking when the House rose yesterday, will now continue his speech."

9-15 a.m. * SRI S. T. ADITYAN:—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, yesterday before the House rose I was telling the hon. Members of this House that fresh taxation is unnecessary. Secondly, in regard to surcharge on land revenue, I said that it begins at a low level and that it is too steep also. As to the petrol tax, I said that bus traffic is now being taxed and that the tax may affect the bus and lorry traffic also, and incidentally affect the distribution of food. In these circumstances, I said that at least there should be a guarantee that a definite proportion of taxation on road traffic would be utilised for road development. Then, Sir, I pleaded for a liberalisation of lorry traffic. As to Prohibition, I said that the yardstick with which its success should be measured is not whether the old addicts are still drinking but whether we are creating a new generation of addicts. I mentioned that according to information on this side, as new kinds of essences have come into existence and are corrupting the young men a new type of drink addicts has been created. I have only to add that in certain places, addicts have gone to such an extent that every cottage is almost a distillery. I am told that even women have begun to drink in such places. I said yesterday that we depend upon the women of this State as the bulwark of Prohibition and if the women-folk also are taking to drink, then certainly it is a very serious matter. I said the U.D.F. is not committed to any decision on this matter, because it has to be investigated and found if the facts alleged are correct; if correct, then Prohibition is a failure.